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SUBJ: WEEKLY REPORTS

1. DURING THE PAST WEEK, THE INDONESIAN PRESS DEVOTED MODERATE COVERAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AFRICAN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BUT MAJOR COVERAGE CONTINUED TO BE AIMED AT DOMESTIC ISSUES. STATEMENTS ISSUING FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ON SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22 CLAIMED THE MAJOR HEADLINES. ON SEPTEMBER 21 PRESIDENT SUHARTO ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING THAT MEMBERS OF HIS OR HIS WIFE'S FAMILY HAD BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL PRIVILEGES IN ACQUIRING WEALTH, INSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT THEY WERE NOT TO GRANT SUCH PRIVILEGES, AND STATING THAT THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRESS HAD FALSELY REPORTED ON THE SUBJECT. ON SEPTEMBER 22 IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT AN ILLEGAL MOVEMENT TO REPLACE SUHARTO AS PRESIDENT HAD BEEN UNCOVERED AND THAT FOUR PERSONS HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER DETENTION. DOCUMENTS SEIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE "MOVEMENT" HAD BEEN SIGNED BY SIX PROMINENT SPIRITUAL AND RETIRED POLITICAL FIGURES, INCLUDING DR. MOHAMMAD HATTA WHO WAS PROPOSED BY THE DRAFT-

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ERS OF THE DOCUMENTS AS SUHARTO'S REPLACEMENT.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 16TH, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM DELIVERED A SPEECH BEFORE THE SURABAYA ROTARY CLUB ENTITLED, "DEVELOPMENT IS A STATE OF MIND," IN WHICH HE SPELLED OUT USAID ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA. USIS DISTRIBUTED TEXTS OF THE SPEECH AND THE RESULTING PRESS COVERAGE WAS VERY GOOD. EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE INDONESIAN AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE ANTARA NEWS BULLETINS, IN TWO INDONESIAN LANGUAGE DAILIES, "BERITA YUDHA" AND "SUARA KARYA" AND IN THE TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES, THE "TIMES" AND THE "OBSERVER".
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